Introduction of New Rajdhani Express

2517. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to start New Rajdhani Express other than the present ones; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) A weekly Rajdhani Express between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Madras is being planned.

Indian Railway Construction Company Ltd.

2518. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether "Indian Railway Construction Co. Ltd.," has undertaken any works in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Railway Construction Co. has undertaken 48 projects in various parts of the country regarding erection of double circuit transmission line to traction substations, overhead equipments for railway electrification, welding of Rail pannels and construction of EMU Car Sheds, flyovers, paint shops, station building, PRC box girders for Metro Railway Transport System, Railway sidings, track laying for MGR for Super Thermal Power Stations, Railway over bridges, Hangars using structural steel work and extension there to, railway lines, high level road bridge etc.

Manufacturing of Wagons by Private Factories and Industries

2519. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the number of private factories and industries other than railway workshops, where the manufacture of wagons is undertaken; and

(b) what are the reasons for entrusting this work to private factories ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) There are 11 units—6 in Public Sector and 5 in Private Sector manufacturing wagons.

(b) Infrastructure and facilities in railway workshops are basically meant for repairs and maintenance works. Spare capacity in only 3 railway workshops for manufacture of approximately 1000—1500 wagons in terms of Four Wheelers per annum is utilised for wagon building activity, as against Railway's off-take in the last 3 years ranging from 23626 to 25778 Four Wheelers.

After booking the expected production capacity of Railway Workshops, balance quantities are ordered on Public Sector Units and Private Sector wagon builders in relation to their capacity and past performance.

Commissioning the Madras Beach-Chengelpet Broad Gauge Line

2520. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) by when the Railways propose to commission the Madras Beach-Chengelpet BG line; and

(b) what is the likely increase in revenue to the Railways from the conversion projects in Tamil Nadu ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) By 1994-95.

(b) The rate of return of this project has been estimated at 15.43%.

Charges against P.T. Usha

2521. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :